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have committed the Secretary of State's office to providing all the help we can to the 1½ million Illinois senior citizens, of whom 850,000 are licensed drivers.

This brochure explains the various programs provided by my office.

I personally know the contributions that senior citizens are making in this state. Nearly 20 per cent of my employes are aged 60 and older, and we have about 100 seniors in their 70s.

Senior citizens enjoy the independence gained through mobility. That is why I urge you to take our free Rules of the Road Review Course, which will prepare you for the tests when you renew your drivers license.

My Senior Citizens Division constantly looks for ways to improve our services. Please let us know how we can help you.

Jim Edgar

Secretary of State



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AUTO INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

Discounts on automobile liability insurance premiums are available to certain drivers over age 55, effective July 1, 1982. If you take a defensive driving course approved by the Secretary of State, you may be eligible for the discount.

Further information on this program, as well as a list of courses approved by the Secretary of State's office, is available from the Senior Citizens Division.





RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW COURSE

The Rules of the Road Review Course is designed to give senior drivers the knowledge and confidence they need to successfully pass drivers license renewal examinations.

The Review Course is offered free more than 2,500 times a year at some 450 locations around the state.

The first of its kind in the United States, the course has helped over 175,000 senior drivers in Illinois overcome their fear and apprehension of taking their drivers test. The course is taught by employes of the Secretary of State's office or by local volunteer instructors trained and certified by the Secretary of State.

Local organizations may sponsor the course



under the direction of the Secretary of State. Organizations actively participating in the program include senior citizen and service clubs, labor unions, church groups, police departments, park and recreation districts, and other local organizations.

The course is offered free of charge and takes only several hours.



SENIOR PHOTO ID PROGRAM

Many Illinois people, including senior citizens, do not drive. Those who do drive frequently use their drivers license as a form of personal identification for such needs as check cashing and senior citizens discounts.

Secretary of State offers an official Illinois Photo Identification Card for non-drivers. It has been issued to more than 240,000 Illinois citizens.

The card is free to persons 65 and over and to disabled people. (*There is a \$4 fee for others.*) The card is valid for five years and may be obtained at any drivers license facility.

Since it may be difficult for many senior citizens to get to a drivers license facility, the Secretary of State's Senior Citizens Division will set up a photo ID session for senior citizen groups in communities throughout Illinois.

FILM PROGRAM

Films on good driving habits are available from the Secretary of State's office. A representative of the Senior Citizens Division will arrange to come to your senior center or club and present films on important driving topics, ranging from night time driving techniques to fuel efficient driving tips.

There is no charge for this service.

SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES

The Illinois State Library, a department of the Secretary of State's office, works directly with library systems throughout the state and encourages them to provide you with special services, such as large print books, Talking Books (books recorded on cassettes and records), books by mail, delivery of materials to homebound seniors, transportation to library programs, and many others.

Check with your local library - - it can provide many of these special services through interlibrary loans.

